

KENSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

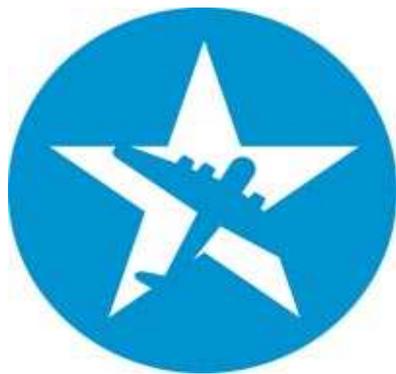
Kenston Local Schools

2019-2020



Course Description Booklet

7th Grade



Kenston Middle School
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KMS Program of Studies

Procedure for Course Registration

1. The student's language art teachers will make recommendations for the next school year. Recommendations are not necessary for math, social studies and science.
2. A copy of the student's course selections will be sent home for parental review. If changes to student placement are necessary, please contact the student's appropriate guidance counselor.
3. Any changes in schedules for the 2019-2020 school year must be made prior to August 15, 2019.

Drop-Add Guidelines

KMS POLICY STATES THAT NO CLASSES MAY BE DROPPED ONCE THE SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS.

After that time, schedule changes will be made only in the event of:

1. Academic misplacement (an error was made in placement due to incorrect evaluation of ability scores, past grades, etc.).
2. Technical error in scheduling process.
3. School initiated changes (changes in the master schedule, adjustments for balancing classes, etc.).

Home-Schooled Students

Home-schooled students residing within the Kenston Local School District in grades six through twelve may enroll part-time in Kenston schools. Participation in all extracurricular activities is contingent upon the student meeting all qualifying requirements of the Kenston Schools and the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

Athletic/Extracurricular Eligibility Requirements

Student participation in extra-curricular activities during the school year will require a minimum GPA of 1.5 and only one F in any subject, along with successfully passing $\frac{3}{4}$ of all classes during a grading period. Each athlete must also submit a current athletic physical prior to the first practice and/or tryout date of a particular season. These standards also apply to students wishing to participate in club sports.

Guidance Services

Various guidance services are designed to assist the individual student to make the most of his/her own abilities and opportunities. The counselors value the opportunity to help each student and at all times maintain an “open-door” policy. When students need to see their counselor and request an appointment, an appointment will be scheduled as soon as possible.

Guidance services are many and varied and include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Individual counseling
 - Individual sessions to assist students and parents with a wide variety of educational and personal concerns (i.e. problem solving, interpersonal skills, anger management, stress management, study skills).
- B. Group counseling
 - Group sessions assist students and share topics concerning friends, divorce, loss, and other matters as needed.
- C. Consulting Teachers and Parents
 - Providing parents with resources to assist with family issues as well as any possible mental health concerns.
 - Providing a list of available tutors and peer tutors.
- D. Course Selection and Scheduling
 - Academic and career advisement.
 - Schedule adjustments for all grades.
 - Scheduling and orientation of new students.
- E. Assisting in the coordination, administration and interpretation of any school wide testing programs (Achievement testing, etc.).

Parents are welcome at any time, but it is recommended to call the guidance office to make an appointment. Guidance counselors are assigned to students based on teams.

Seventh Grade Team Liberty and Sixth Grade see Ms. Dawn Lose 543-8241 x 3110,
Dawn.Lose@kenstonapps.org

Seventh Grade Team Justice and Eighth Grade see Ms. Santina Lucarelli, 543-8241 x 3100,
Santina.Lucarelli@kenstonapps.org

The classroom teacher will gladly confer with the student concerning achievement and study habits. It is highly recommended for students and parents to contact the teacher at the first sign of academic difficulty.

MATHEMATIC COURSE SELECTIONS AND CURRICULUM PATHS

	Path 1	Path 2	Path 3		
6th GRADE	Math 6	Math 6/7	Gifted Math 6		
7th GRADE	Math 7	Math 7/8	Gifted Math 7		
8th GRADE	Math 8	Algebra I			
9th GRADE	Algebra I Part 1 & Part 2	Accelerated Algebra I	Geometry Part 1 & Part 2	Geometry	Honors Geometry

KENSTON LOCAL SCHOOLS **ACADEMIC ACCELERATION INFORMATION**

Academic acceleration may involve whole-grade acceleration or individual subject acceleration. Academic acceleration occurs when a student is not only doing the caliber of work necessary to be promoted to the next grade or enrolled in the next course in the academic sequence, but also demonstrates the ability to do the caliber of work required of students in that next grade level/subject/course. An acceleration evaluation committee will determine whether the student will be permitted to skip a grade level (i.e., whole-grade acceleration), or take a subject at a higher grade level or skip a course in the usual and customary academic sequence (i.e., individual subject acceleration).

* PLEASE SEE DISTRICT POLICY 5410 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Required Courses

Seventh Grade English Language Arts- Full Year

This class is a blended curriculum of language arts and reading. It focuses on developing writing skills and reading / comprehension skills while responding to various fiction and non-fiction literary works. An emphasis is placed on acquiring new vocabulary as well as the exploration of word origins. Grammar and mechanics are explored throughout the writing process. A focus is placed on expanding student knowledge of the writing process through narrative, expository, descriptive, and persuasive writing. Research writing will be integrated throughout the curriculum with an emphasis on finding credible sources, documentation of sources and using proper MLA format. It includes exploring the different literary genres through novels, acquiring new vocabulary and working on Independent Reading Projects (IRP) throughout the year.

Seventh Grade Honors English Language Arts- Full Year

This class is a blended curriculum of language arts and reading. It is an expansion of English Language Arts Standards, incorporating both fiction and non-fiction pieces of literature and an in-depth study of the writing process. Higher-level readings are used which will develop and enhance writing skills, critical thinking skills, public speaking techniques, and leadership qualities. Research writing will be integrated throughout the curriculum with an emphasis on finding credible sources, documentation of sources and using proper MLA format. It includes exploring the different literary genres through novels, acquiring new vocabulary and working on Independent Reading Projects (IRP) throughout the year.

Seventh Grade Gifted Language Arts - Full Year

(Eligibility for the Challenge Program must be met)

Course work is an expansion upon the standard English Language Arts curriculum with in-depth enrichment. The curriculum is rigorous in all areas with vast opportunities for creativity to expand the students creative and imaginative interaction within a higher level of literature and writing.

Seventh Grade Math 7—Full Year

Seventh grade Math encompasses four critical areas: (1) developing understanding of and applying proportional relationships; (2) developing understanding of operations with rational numbers and working with expressions and linear equations; (3) solving problems involving scale drawings and informal geometric constructions, working with two- and three-dimensional shapes to solve problems involving area, surface area, and volume; and (4) drawing inferences about populations based on samples.

Seventh Grade Math 7/8 - Full Year

The seventh grade Math curriculum focuses on these critical areas: 1) Solving problems involving scale drawings, geometric constructions, and two/ three dimensional figures to solve problems with area, surface area, and volume. (2) drawing inferences with data, on populations based on sampling (3) formulating and reasoning about expressions and equations, including modeling an association in bivariate data with a linear equation, and solving linear equations and systems of linear equations; (4) grasping the concept of a function and using functions to describe quantitative relationships; (5) analyzing two- and three-dimensional space and figures using distance, angle, similarity, and congruence, and understanding and applying the Pythagorean Theorem.

Seventh Grade Gifted Math- Full Year

(Eligibility for the Challenge Program must be met)

Seventh grade gifted math is an accelerated math course that is an expansion upon the standard math 7 curriculum. It also encompasses seventh grade standards to include: 1) developing understanding of and applying proportional relationships; 2) developing understanding of operations with rational numbers and working with expressions and linear equations. This course will allow for student driven enrichment activities at a high level and rigorous pace.

Seventh Grade Social Studies - Full Year

The focus of seventh grade social studies is on the civilizations of the ancient and early modern world from 1000 B.C. – 1750. The first semester will follow the development of European culture: from the Ancient Greek city-states and the Roman and Byzantine Empires. Mid-year, the students will study the diverse cultures of Africa, China and the Islamic world, chronicling their achievements and contributions to human civilization. In the third quarter to the end of the year, study focuses on the Middle Ages, the growth of nations, the Renaissance and the Age of Exploration.

Seventh Grade Science - Full Year

The seventh grade science curriculum consists of study in the areas of life science and earth science as outlined by the State of Ohio Science Content Standards. Concepts include ecology, classification of life, vertebrates and invertebrates, energy cycles, clouds, weather. Students will develop skills in problem solving and using the scientific method through hands-on activities and experiments.

Chorus - Full Year Required

Seventh grade chorus continues with the goals of the previous year. In addition, seventh graders learn to sight-read in SSA or TTB arrangements, and music is chosen from a variety of styles and historical periods. Students will participate in one evening concert per semester as a requirement for this course.

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Band - Full Year Required

Seventh grade band is a year-long course. While the seventh grade band continues to extend music fundamentals, other performance elements are introduced and practiced. Seventh grade is the first opportunity for students to get involved with the Kenston jazz program, as well as an increased amount of instrument switches take place for students who are interested. The seventh grade band performs two concerts during the year, one in each semester. All concert dates will be listed on the official district calendar.

Encore Courses

Exploring French, Russian & Spanish 7

The French, Russian and Spanish courses in seventh grade are introductory courses in which students are exposed to the spoken and written language through the presentation of very basic conversational phrases and topics. Students will gain knowledge of cultural differences and be able to communicate on a very basic, elementary level.

Health 7

Students will identify how alcohol, tobacco and other drugs effects the body physically, socially, and emotionally. Students will also learn and practice assertive refusal skills to keep them living a productive healthy lifestyle. Representatives from the health and wellness industries can be expected during this course.

Physical Education 7

New physical education (PE) initiatives at the middle school focus on individual fitness. Students will utilize such technologies as the Hopsports Training System and T-Bows to ensure participation is at “Moderate to Vigorous” levels (MVPA). Our students are objectively assessed using Polar Heart Rate monitors as well. Developing fitness skills in students is essential and can impact them throughout a lifetime of learning. Both team and individual sports activities will continue forming a bridge between the middle school and high school programs. The students will build and master their skills with an emphasis on sportsmanship.

Art 7

The seventh graders learn the foundation of art by studying the elements and principles of design. The art elements include line, shape value, form texture, color, and space. These elements are used to create the principles of balance, emphasis, variety, proportion, movement, rhythm, and unity. Students will explore the elements and principles of design by creating artwork that ranges from graphic arts to the fine arts of drawing and sculpture. Students are also invited to explore art history and look more deeply into the work and lives of famous artists.

Encore Courses

Technology 7

The Kenston Middle School grades 6-8 Computer Education courses utilize Google Apps For Education to explore the emerging technologies and productivity tools that support student learning. The nine week course specifically focuses on the technology skills related to communication, research, layout, presentation, and publication. The course builds as students move through each grade level. Students learn to be responsible digital citizens to effectively manage their digital footprints.

**** Additional Encore courses may be offered. Your student will be assigned Encore courses based on schedule availability.**